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The collection of vital statistics in Colon is in the hands of the Panama authorities. I am informed by the health officer of Colon and Cristobal, appointed by the Isthmian Canal Commission, that in the future these records will be kept in his office.

The following vessels cleared for ports in the United States and were granted bills of health:

American steamship *Mexico* for New York, November 3, with 106 crew and 80 passengers.

British steamship *Floridian* for New Orleans via Jamaica and Mexican ports, November 3, with 44 crew and 13 passengers.

Norwegian steamship *Dagfin* for New Orleans, November 4, with 20 crew and no passengers; fumigated.

United States steamship *Columbia* for Hampton Roads via Guantamano, Cuba, November 7, with 400 crew and 10 passengers.

British steamship *Oceus* for Norfolk, November 7, with 20 crew and no passengers; fumigated.

American schooner *Asa T. Stowell* for Mobile, November 9, with 8 crew and no passengers; fumigated.

#### PERU.

#### *Report from Callao—Plague at Lima, Payta, Trujillo, and Callao.*

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, October 24, as follows:

PLAGUE, SEPTEMBER 21 TO 30, 1905.

Place.	New cases.	Recovered.	Died.	Remain- ing.
Lima .....	4	5	2	11
Payta .....	3	1	2	14
Mausiche .....	3	0	0	3
Total .....	10	6	4	28

PLAGUE, OCTOBER 11 TO 20, INCLUSIVE.

Lima .....	7	0	4	10
Payta .....	1	1	1	13
Total .....	8	1	5	23

Sanitary Inspector Romero reports 2 cases of plague in Trujillo. A case of plague occurred in Callao on the 21st instant.

#### WEST INDIES.

#### *Report from Barbados—Inspection of vessels—Certificates of vaccination of emigrants for the Canal Zone.*

Assistant Surgeon Ward reports, November 1, as follows:

During the ten days ended October 31, 1905, bills of health were issued to 7 steamships and 4 sailing vessels with 418 crew, 163 cabin, 22 steerage, and 166 deck passengers. Of this number, 4 steamships, 3 sailing vessels, 173 crew, 15 cabin, 22 steerage, and 52 deck passengers were inspected. There were taken on at this port 24 laborers, 41 cabin, 13 steerage, and 166 deck passengers.

October 26 I viséed the bill of health of the Republic of Panama issued to the Royal Mail steamship *Atrato*, bound to New York, via ports on the Caribbean Sea, with 147 crew, 24 laborers, 142 cabin, 5 steerage, and 166 deck passengers. There were 52 certificates of vaccination issued to deck passengers from Barbados for Colon.

The general health of Barbados continues good; no quarantinable diseases have been reported

This station was closed October 31, in compliance with Bureau cable dispatch of the 27th ultimo.

Eighty-four certificates of vaccination were issued to emigrants for the Canal Zone during the month of October, 1905.

FOREIGN AND INSULAR STATISTICAL REPORTS OF COUNTRIES AND  
CITIES--UNTABULATED.

ARGENTINA—*Buenos Ayres*.—Month of August, 1905. Estimated population, 999,380. Total number of deaths, 1,449, including diphtheria 9, enteric fever 7, measles 6, scarlet fever 2, smallpox 28, and 200 from tuberculosis.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY—*Budapest*.—Month of September, 1905. Estimated population, 804,200. Total number of deaths, 1,014, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 4, measles 2, and 5 from scarlet fever.

AUSTRALIA—*New South Wales*—*New Castle*.—Month of September, 1905. Estimated population, 50,800. Total number of deaths, 45, including 5 from tuberculosis.

*Sydney and suburbs*.—Month of June, 1905. Estimated population, 518,570. Total number of deaths, 461, including diphtheria 6, enteric fever 10, scarlet fever 1, and 43 from tuberculosis.

Month of July, 1905. Total number of deaths, 544, including diphtheria 5, enteric fever 8, scarlet fever 3, and 50 from tuberculosis.

Month of August, 1905. Total number of deaths, 555, including diphtheria 7, enteric fever 3, plague 1, and 52 from tuberculosis.

Month of September, 1905. Total number of deaths, 495, including diphtheria 5, enteric fever 2, measles 1, scarlet fever 4, and 54 from tuberculosis.

BAHAMAS—*Governors Harbor*.—Week ended November 4, 1905. Estimated population, 1,500. Total number of deaths not reported. No deaths from contagious diseases.

BRAZIL—*Pernambuco*.—Two weeks ended September 30, 1905. Estimated population, 200,000. Total number of deaths, 462, including enteric fever 2, measles 2, smallpox 208, whooping cough 1, and 53 from tuberculosis.

CANADA—*Quebec*—*Sherbrooke*.—Month of October, 1905. Estimated population, 13,364. Total number of deaths 17, including diphtheria 1, and 1 from whooping cough.

FRANCE—*Roubaix*.—Month of October, 1905. Estimated population, 124,660. Total number of deaths, 145, including enteric fever 1, measles 1, and 2 from whooping cough.